

Utah State Library

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Report to the State Library Board
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PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

The annual statistical reports from all 72 certified public library jurisdictions (cities and counties) in Utah have been collected, tabulated, consolidated, and submitted to the Federal / State Cooperative System of the National Center for Education Statistics of the US Census Bureau.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF LIBRARIES

The final report on a Preliminary Phase of a proposed study on the "Economic Impact of Libraries" has been submitted to the Utah State Library by members of a steering committee charged to review such studies conducted in four other states (Pennsylvania, New York, South Carolina, and Florida). The report suggests several approaches to such a study in Utah. Subsequent steps in the process will begin with assessing the interest of Utah public library directors in performing a study on the economic impact of Utah libraries.

EMERGENT LITERACY

Work continues in organizing and supporting training opportunities for librarians in emergent literacy [preparing infants and young children to read] by the Steering Committee of *Utah Kids Ready to Read!* The committee plans five regional workshops for the fall of 2005.